

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, spring will finally have gained some ground in its annual battle to oust winter. With the advent of warmer weather, snow plowing comes to an end and construction season begins so we have some area road projects to tell you about. The spring thaw and tornado activity can result in the loss of power, phone, or internet/cable television outages. When this happens, did you know that prompt calls to the utility company can help speed the repairs? Read on for more information! Finally, and of no lesser importance, the April 5th local general elections have taken place. Our citizens went to the polls and cast their ballots for candidates for positions on school boards, park districts, and our local municipal government.

The American experiment in democracy began when the first shots were fired at the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 as memorialized in these words:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world!"

*Ralph Waldo Emerson, (1803-1882), poet,  
author, philosopher.*

As we know, a key feature in this "experiment" is our right to cast a ballot to select and show support for our government leaders. On April 5, 2011, IHP citizens voted as follows for our local Village offices:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Richard S. Andrews</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Clerk:</b>	<b>Joseph V. Consolo</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Brian T. Bailey</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>Elected</b>
	<b>Norman L. Schnaufer</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>Elected</b>
	<b>Matthew P. Walsh II</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>Elected</b>
	Christian Metz	405	

Congratulations to all of our local winners and those throughout our area as well as a sincere thank you to all who voted.

As the weather warms and April becomes May, the perennial signs of spring will be noticed on our area expressways and toll roads.

We have been informed by IDOT that I55 will be resurfaced from County Line Road in to the City and that the northbound entrance ramp to I294 from Joliet Road will be closed for a part of the summer for bridge work over Flagg Creek and ramp resurfacing. Based on our information, we believe that the I294 Joliet Road ramp will be closed some time in May. In addition, I want to say thanks to the many residents who expressed their appreciation to me for the Village's snow plowing efforts this winter especially during the "Blizzard of 2011" in early February. Our Public Works Department was ready for the storm and, as usual, our Public Works' employees worked diligently for long hours to keep our roads passable. On behalf of our residents and the VBT, we convey a very heartfelt thanks to all of them!

One final point I wish to make is to stress to all of our residents that it is very important to call in a problem if you have a phone, power, internet or cable television outage. Often, when we suffer such an outage, we may be inclined to sit back and wait on the theory that someone else will call and it will get fixed. That view usually works in time. However, if only one or two people call in with the outage, the utility company may view it as an isolated event. The reality is that area outages (i.e. many affected customers) are given a higher priority when it comes to repairs than a single or two instances of calls for repairs due to such an outage. So, if on a clear day (or stormy one) your lights go out or the phone goes dead, make that call! You can help speed up the repairs by letting the utility company know about your problem. Obviously, if it is only your home that is affected, it will not get repaired without your call. But, if you and all of your neighbors are affected and you all call, it will put the utility on notice that many customers are affected and they will respond with more urgency. Although not all inclusive, here are some key numbers to have for customer service at these utilities:

<b>ATT telephone</b>	<b>800-246-8464</b>
<b>ATT Uverse</b>	<b>800-288-2020</b>
<b>ComEd</b>	<b>800-334-7661</b>
<b>NICOR</b>	<b>888-642-6748</b>

Respectfully,  
Richard S. Andrews, Mayor

## Scheduled Meeting Dates

**Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Thursday, June 9, 2011

**Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:**

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

**Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:**

Thursday, July 7, 2011

**E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:**

No meeting scheduled at this time.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

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### VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

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#### Administrator:

Frank Alonzo, Jr.

#### Police Dept.

Non-Emergency 246-4534

**Emergency 9-1-1**

#### Fire Dept.

Non-Emergency 352-9229

**Emergency 9-1-1**

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## Oak Wilt Disease

The following information is being provided by the Public Works Department to inform residents. Each year, thousands of oaks in woodland and urban settings die from oak wilt disease. The Village of Indian Head Park has been fortunate to have only been slightly affected by this tree disease. Most often trees in the red oak group fall prey to the disease. Symptoms to watch for are wilting of leaves from the top of the tree downward, occurring mostly in July and August. Trees will die rapidly after the leaves wilt. A precaution to minimize the chances of oak wilt in our area is not to prune or otherwise wound any oak tree between April 15th and October 1st. Should you have an affected tree, quick removal and disposal of the infected tree is suggested. If you suspect oak wilt in any of your trees, please contact the Public Works Department at (708) 246-1233.



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## TEEPEE TOPICS

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park that were named to honor roll at Pleasantdale Middle School: **Alexis Gutierrez, Jacob Holous, Nicole Lata, Nicholas Piento.**

The Pleasantdale Garden Club is having their Annual Spring Luncheon and Raffle on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn of Willowbrook located at I-55 and Route 83. Proceeds will go to the Pleasantdale Garden Club Scholarship Award Fund.

Glen England will create flower arrangements that will be part of the raffle. For tickets and further information, please contact Nancy Alex at (630) 455-4265.

Jane Kuhn sent a note as follows: *"a big thank you to Richard and Laurine Scheer for showing your own wonderful clan how to be good neighbors. Richard and Laurine cleared my double driveway in that big snowstorm and I am grateful they live on Hiawatha Lane! Sincerely, Jane Kuhn"*.

Aging Care Connections will be hosting a **Take Charge of Your Health Program** for people managing chronic illness. The program will be held on Tuesdays beginning May 17th through June 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Bridgeview Community Center located at 7900 South Oketa Avenue in Bridgeview. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call (708) 354-1323 to register. The topics to be discussed will include a series of sessions coping with fatigue, frustration, pain and isolation that may be related to on-going health conditions; exercising to maintain and improve strength, flexibility and endurance, using medications; communicating with family, friends and health

professionals; practicing good nutrition; and evaluating new treatment options. This program is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging via the Illinois Department of Public Health and is sponsored by Age Options. For information, please visit the following Website: [www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org)

Aging Care Connections will be hosting a 40th Anniversary Signature Lecture Series with the following topics on specific dates: **Atypical Dementias: An Update on Research, Services, Medications and Behaviors** on Thursday, May 26, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Aging Care Connections, located at 111 W. Harris Avenue in LaGrange. On Thursday, July 14, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the topic will be **Compulsive Hoarding Intervention** and on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. the topic will be: **The Aging Family: Negotiating the difficult decisions, communication issues, opportunities and strategies for mediating.** For details regarding the lecture series to be hosted by Aging Care Connections, please contact Louise Starman at (708) 354-1323, extension 211.

The Heritage Center Library is open to residents on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (Except on holiday weekends). Also, the many book donations for the Heritage Center Library the Village has received are appreciated very much.

We are still looking for volunteers to upgrade the appearance of the Heritage Center by planting flowers. If interested, please contact Jane Kuhn.

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